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SUBJECT: LETTER ON NIEHOUS CASE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED COPY OF A LETTER TO JACK ANDERSON PURPORTEDLY SENT BY THE COMANDO REVOLUCIONARIO "ARGIMIRO GABALDON", THE POSSIBLE KIDNAPPERS OF WILLIAM NIEHOUS. COPY OF ORIGINAL POUCHED TO POST; FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF LETTER ANDERSON OFFICE GAVE TO DEPT.

2. THE LETTER STARTS BY TAKING NOTE OF THE OFFER MADE BY JACK ANDERSON EARLIER THIS YEAR TO SERVE AS AN INTER-MEDIARY BETWEEN THE KIDNAPPERS AND OWENS-ILLINOIS. THE AUTHOR OR AUTHORS OF LETTER GO ON TO ASK ANDERSON WHETHER HE REALLY IS INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN INTERMEDIARY AND WHETHER THE COMPANY HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO PAY THE RANSOM. THEY ADD THAT ANDERSON'S PRESTIGE WILL PREVENT THE COMPANY FROM USING HIM IN THE SAME WAY THAT THEY USED A MR. CANAVAN (SIC). IN CLOSING, THE LETTER NOTES THAT IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR THE COMANDO

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CONTACTED OWENS-ILLINOIS BUT HAVE NOT HAD A QUOTE SATISFACTORY UNQUOTE REPLY TO DATE. THE AUTHORS ASK ANDERSON TO PUBLICLY REPLY TO THIS LETTER, AND ADD THAT COPIES OF THIS LETTER HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE NIEHOUS

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FAMILY AND TO OWENS-ILLINOIS. THEY ALSO NOTE THAT THEY WILL SUBMIT DETAILS REGARDING THEIR AUTHENTICITY VIA SEPARATE CHANNELS.

3. MEMBER OF ANDERSON'S STAFF IN CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT SAYS HIS OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT BOTH FAMILY AND OWENS-ILLINOIS HAVE RECEIVED COPIES OF THIS LETTER AND THAT MRS. NIEHOUS HAS RECEIVED SOME UNSPECIFIED "EXTRA MATERIAL." VANCE

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